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☒ patent application of  
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☐ divisional patent application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ESTABLISHING A CONNECTION BETWEEN SATELLITES

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
Swiss appl. No. 19992357/99, filed December 22, 1999  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.  
Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 11 page(s) of specification  
☒ 2 page(s) of claims  
☒ 1 page of Abstract  
☒ 3 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s).  
An assignment of the invention to Contraves Space AG  
A ☒ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
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A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate Under 37 CFR Section 3.73(b).  
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
☒ A certified copy of a Swiss priority application.  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
☐ Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.  
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